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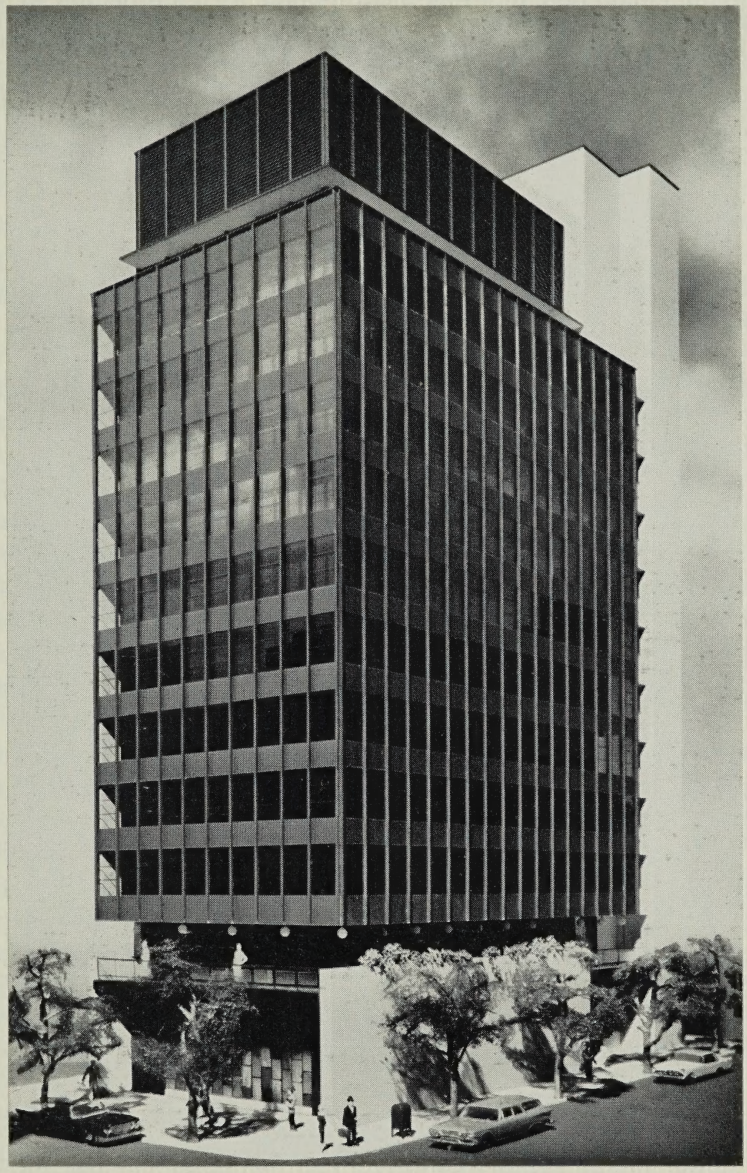

THE CHURCH CENTER

A new thrust on the skyline of the United Nations Plaza is rising in the Church Center at the United Nations. It will be a Christian symbol of the Church's continuing concern for peace with justice and freedom; a constant Christian witness to "the things that make for peace;" a home of Christian hospitality to persons related to the United Nations and to other forms of international work; a place of Christian service to men, women, students, and youth who are concerned with international affairs; and a center of Christian work in world relations with educational services radiating out across the United States and overseas.

This new building and program rise from ancient, strong religious roots. Prophets of God, such as Amos, Isaiah and Micah, proclaimed God as the Sovereign of men and nations who wills justice, righteousness and peace. In Jesus Christ God revealed Himself as a God of love seeking to redeem men and bring them a more abundant and eternal life. In following centuries of history, Christians have been known as "those who hold the world together" and they have also been deeply plunged into the sins of wars which have beset mankind. In our century, in the ecumenical movement churches and Christians have been increasingly striving for peace with justice and freedom.

The churches have been working through missions, service, and the specialized political, economic, social and cultural dimensions of international relations. Major emphases have comprised support for international institutions for peaceful settlement and change including the United Nations; world economic development including mutual aid and trade; nuclear energy for peace; space for peace; disarmament with inspection; human rights; improved immigration and refugee policies; seeking a more peaceful image of the United States; the ministry of reconciliation, including emphasis on negotiations, exchanges and communications among all people.

One of the centers of emphasis in this work of the churches in mid-century years has been the United Nations. Christians helped to create the United Nations and to shape the Charter and to give discerning support amid adulation or attacks. For some years Christian workers have envisioned a Church Center at the United Nations. Then in 1961 Methodist church leaders in Christian cooperation took the initiative in locating an ideal site, undertaking the building, financing the project, and in Christian statesmanship offering these

facilities for ecumenical programing through the National Council of Churches. In accepting this opportunity the National Council of Churches expressed appreciation to the Methodist Church for its world vision and ecumenical initiative on behalf of all cooperating churches and delegated program responsibilities to its Department of International Affairs.

Participants in the building and the cooperative program will share in the financial responsibilities through rental of offices and of meeting facilites.

The building will include eight floors of offices, a cafeteria and dining room, a chapel on the first floor, meeting rooms on the second and third floors, and on the twelfth floor the Dag Hammarskjold Lounge and the Walter W. Van Kirk Library. The Center with its cooperative program will provide for expert leadership training seminars for the communions, councils of churches, councils of United Church Women, ministerial fellowship and lay groups, and youth and student organizations. It will serve such groups from across the nation and abroad. It will afford hospitality for persons from overseas. It will encourage research, writing, and audio-visual productions. It will facilitate consultations with United Nations leadership and other international personnel. It will provide a pastoral ministry and opportunities for worship.

Work in international relations is now being carried forward by the churches in many ways, at the national level through the communions and through the National Council of Churches in numerous units, including the Department of International Affairs of the Division of Christian Life and Work, United Church Women, United Christian Youth Movement, Division of Foreign Missions, Church World Service, and others. It is envisioned that all concerned units will now have fuller opportunities to work together more effectively in relation to the United Nations and in international affairs generally.

It is of special importance that the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches is giving active cooperation and counsel to planning for the Church Center at the United Nations. Thus it is hoped that the building and the program will be of maximum service to the world-wide ecumenical life of the Church and its work through Christian love for more justice, freedom, and peace.

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PROGRAM FOR THE CEREMONIAL

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CALL TO WORSHIP—BRASS ENSEMBLE

CHORAL PRELUDE

IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS—Willan
The St. Mark's Methodist Church Choir
Director: Van S. Whitted

THE SERVICE

Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, D.D., *presiding*

INVOCATION
Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., D.D.

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
The Reverend Dr. Roy G. Ross

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
From the Old Testament—Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
From the New Testament—The Honorable Ernest A. Gross
The Honorable Frank P. Graham

ADDRESS
His Excellency Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan

GREETINGS FROM THE U. S. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
Mr. Francis W. Carpenter

LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

applause throughout this religious service.

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HYMN—GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY
Audience Participation

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ANTHEM—PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU—Roberts
The St. Mark's Methodist Church Choir

CLOSING PRAYER
The Reverend Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert

POSTLUDE—BRASS ENSEMBLE

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

(Hymn for audience participation)

1. God of grace and God of glory,
   On Thy people pour Thy power;
   Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
   Bring her bud to glorious flower.
   Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
   For the facing of this hour,
   For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
   Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
   Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
   Free our hearts to work and praise.
   Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
   For the living of these days,
   For the living of these days.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
   Bend our pride to Thy control;
   Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
   Rich in things and poor in soul.
   Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
   Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
   Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
   Gird our lives that they may be
   Armored with all Christ-like graces
   In the fight to set men free.
   Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
   That we fail not man nor Thee!
   That we fail not man nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
   To the evils we deplore;
   Let the search for Thy salvation
   Be our glory evermore.
   Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
   Serving Thee whom we adore,
   Serving Thee whom we adore.

Words by Harry Emerson Fosdick

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